The Heavy Photon Search Experiment

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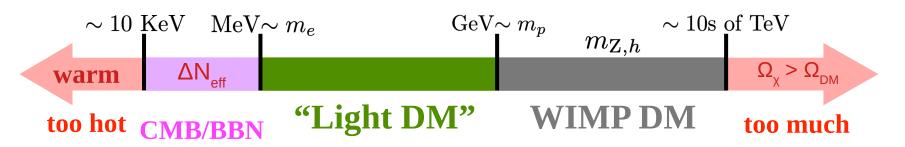
Introduction



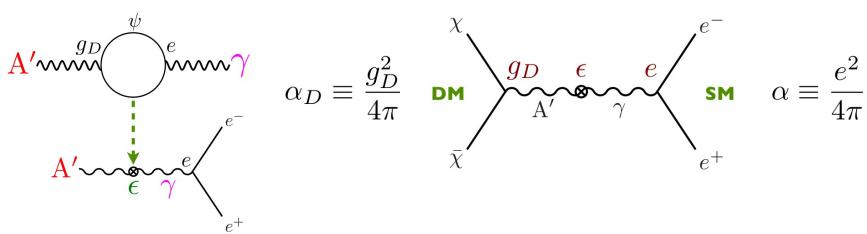
- What is the physics / motivation for your LOI?
- What will you work on between now and Snowmass, and what is your schedule for developing a contributed paper?
- What common data sets, joint efforts, etc. do you need?
- What would you like to come out of the Snowmass process?

Physics Motivation: Dark Sectors



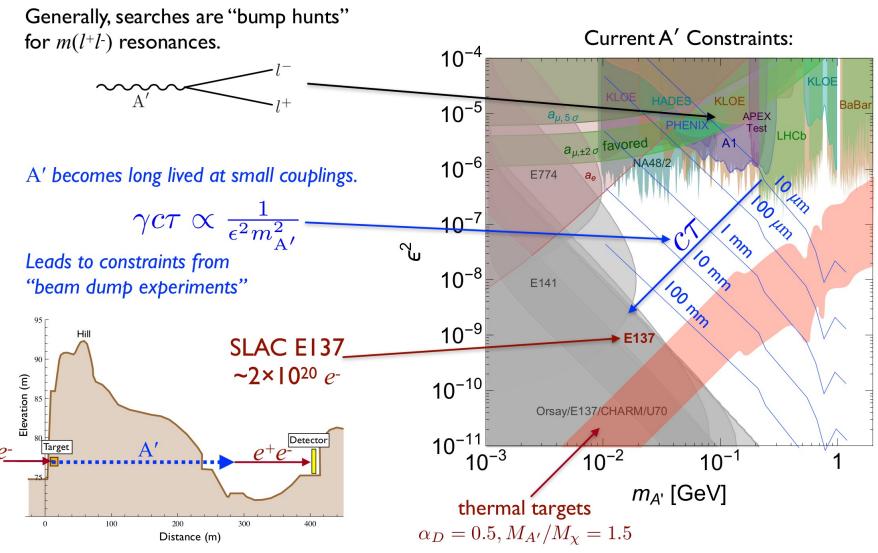


 HPS currently focuses on the case where DM interacts via a light vector mediator Holdom, Phys. Lett. B 166, 1986



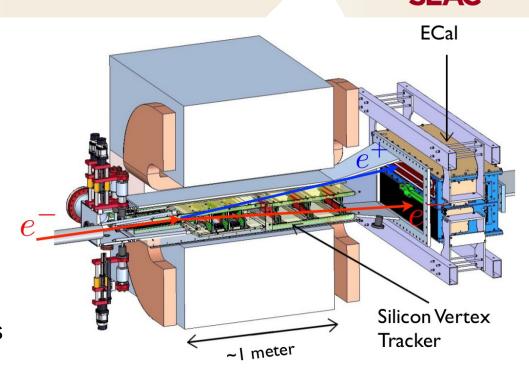
Parameter Space: Mediator Decays to SM

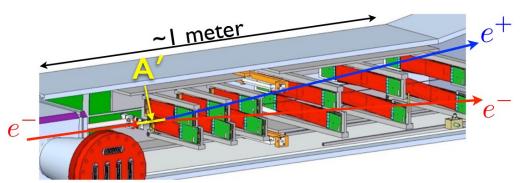




The HPS Apparatus @ JLab CEBAF

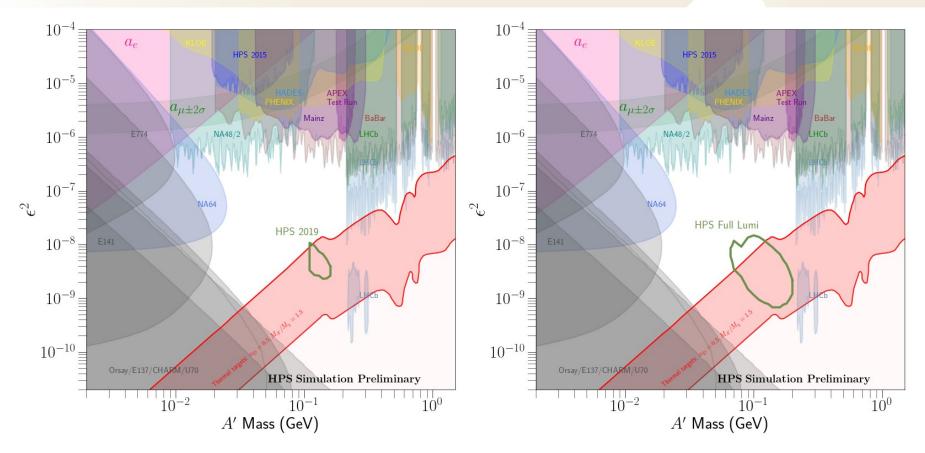
- Compact e⁺e⁻ spectrometer, immediately downstream of thin target in multi-GeV beam in Hall B
- Low-mass, high-rate (up to 4 MHz/ mm²) silicon tracker (SVT) allows vertexing long-lived A'
- SVT must suppress SM tridents from target by factor ~ 10⁷
- PbWO₄ Ecal trigger eliminates 10's
 MHz scattered single e⁻
- Engineering runs in '15 and '16
- First physics run in '19, next run planned for summer '21
- Re-approved by JLab PAC for remaining 135 days of beamtime





Projected Displaced A' Reach





- HPS is projected to have sensitivity to highly motivated theory space
- Interested in growing our sensitivity beyond our already approved beam time
- Development of new detector configurations to target different regions

- HPS also has good sensitivity to other dark sector models that result in long-lived signatures
 - Axion-like particles (ALPs) have a straight forward reinterpretation of the minimal model
 - Strongly Interacting Massive Particles (SIMPs) will require new analysis since kinematics are different enough (already under development)
 - Inelastic Dark Matter (iDM) models have not been carefully explored in general yet, but could motivate new modes of operation of this already existing experiment
- New configurations of the apparatus discussed last snowmass, to search new A' space, could also be useful for these models

Joint Efforts and Snowmass Process



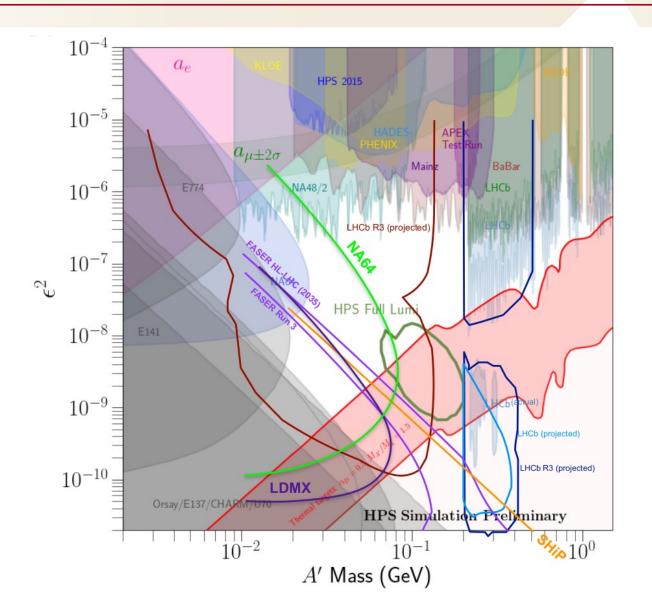
- Collaboration with theorists to develop benchmark models and tools needed to study a broader set of dark matter scenarios, e.g. iDM
- Potential opportunity for experiments to share software tools, in some cases
- We want Snowmass to build on the strong foundation created through the Cosmic Visions and BRN process in identifying high priority areas of exploration with clear motivations to develop similarly clear motivations for a broader set of dark sector scenarios, and put forward that physics as something that should be strongly endorsed by P5

Backup



Reach Estimates from Other Experiments

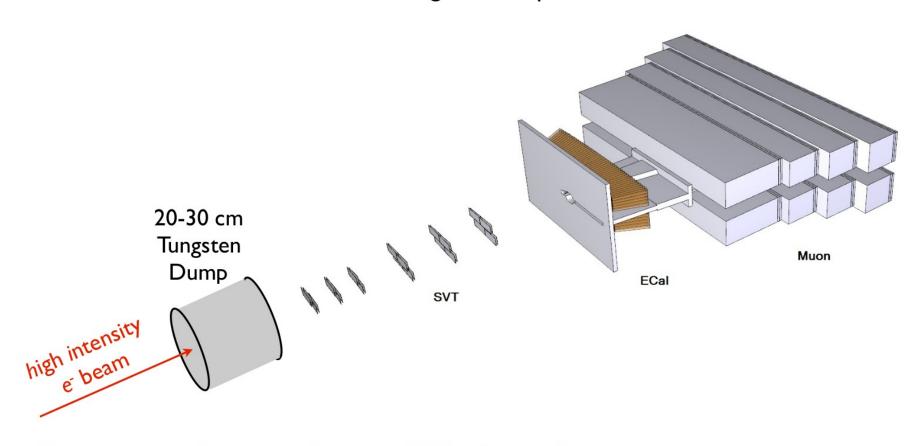




Beam Dump HPS Concept

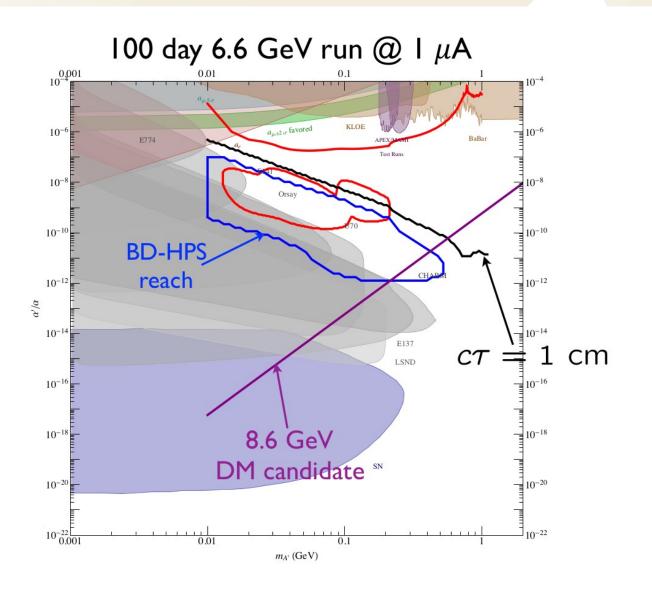


Run HPS downstream of a shallow tungsten dump



Huge increase in luminosity, eliminates EM backgrounds



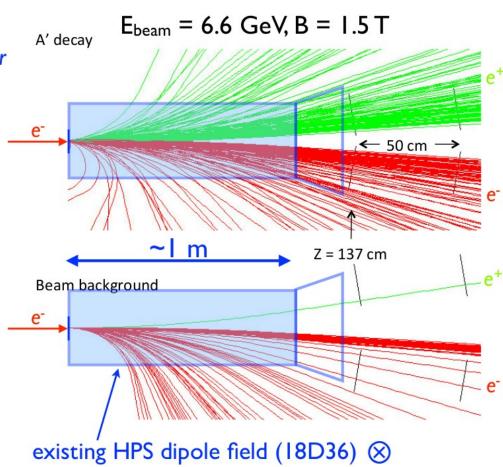


SuperHPS

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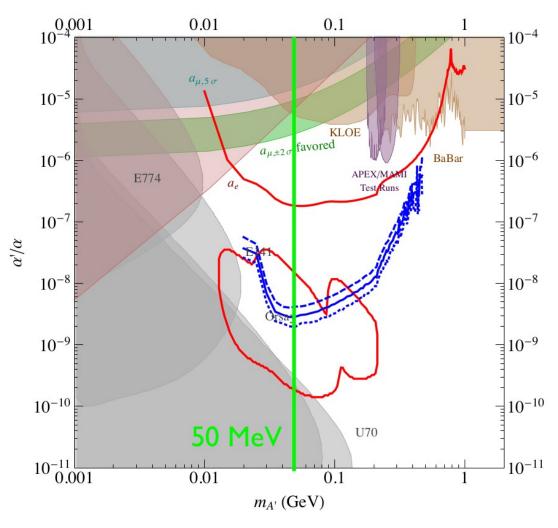
A high acceptance two-armed spectrometer

- Use distance to separate enormous flux of scattered beam-energy electrons from A' daughters
- Use HPS detector technologies to allow for compact apparatus
- double-arm HPS downstream of existing dipole: similar to APEX but with much larger acceptance



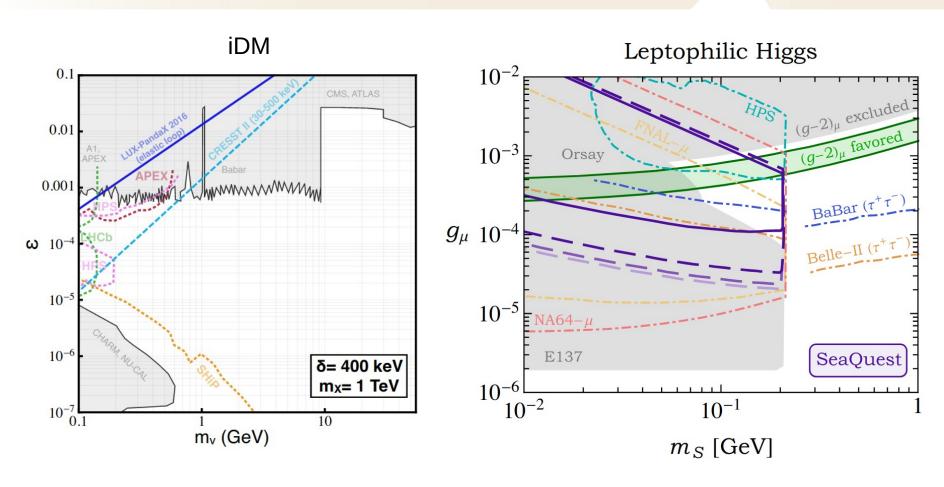


15 days a 10 μ A w/ 2.5% X₀ target



Reach Estimates for New Models





https://arxiv.org/pdf/1608.02662.pdf

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